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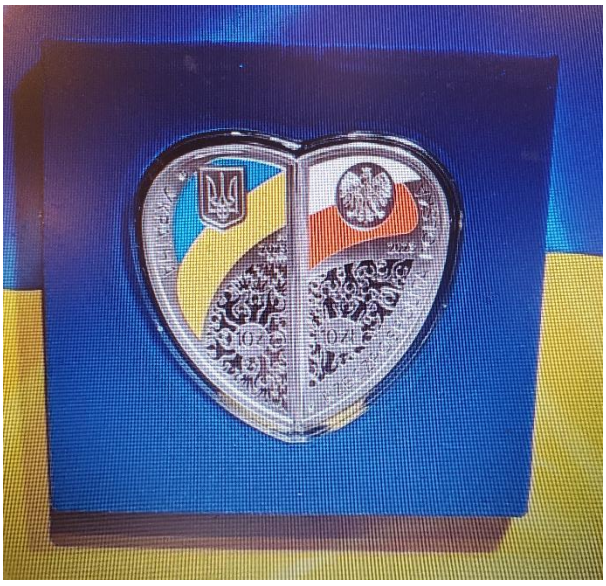

Heart Shaped Joint Commemorative 2023 Issue of Poland and Ukraine

By Steven Bieda

February is the month of Valentine's Day. There are a number of coins minted by Poland that feature the typical stylized depiction of a human heart that we associate with love, and hence the Valentine's Day holiday. This article focuses on an interesting joint commemorative issue of Poland and Ukraine.

This unique coin – actually two separate coins that fit together to form a heart shape, was struck in proof along with colorized surfaces. Dated 2023, one side of the fitted coin set was issued by Poland, the other by Ukraine. The theme is "friendship" between the two nations. The Polish side (left of viewer) carries the denomination of 10 złoty, and the Ukrainian side carries the denomination of 10 hryvnia. The coins are of .999 fine silver, weigh 31.1 grams each, and had a total mintage of 10,000 with 5,000 allotted to each country. The coins have smooth edges. These non-circulating commemoratives, measuring 25.42 x 50 mm were offered in an elegant box and capsule. When offered for sale the entire mintage sold out within two hours.

This issue is particularly poignant in light of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. Poland was the first to respond to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, assisting Ukraine with weapons and humanitarian aid and taking in thousands of refugees. The coins symbolically address the invasion in elements of the design.

The obverse of the Ukrainian coin features a stylized blue-yellow flag, a small Coat of Arms of Ukrainian, the inscription UKRAINE and the logo of the Mint of National Bank of Ukraine. The denomination of 10 hryvnia appears against the background of a decorative and artistic composition that symbolizes the horrors of war. The obverse of the Polish coin has the colors of white and red replicating the Polish flag, the Polish White Eagle, the year 2023 and the inscription RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA, along with 10 and a graphic symbol of the Polish złoty, along with a background composition symbolizing help, support and sympathy.

The reverse of the coins depict symbolic figures of a solitary Ukrainian and a Pole on the respective sides of each

nation's coins. The depictions of the two figures have a somewhat medieval appearance. They are together at a table sharing bread and wine, inherent in the traditional customs of both nations. The symbolism is quite strong: to break bread is to share fate, the highest degree of affection and friendship, sitting at the same table and drinking wine from the same cup means mutual love and respect, and drinking from a common cup is symbolic of unity and brotherhood. If the two coins are folded together, the ornament in the lower part forms a flower – itself a symbol of hope, life and promise.

Additional inscriptions on the reverses are found in a semicircle "FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD – THE GREATEST WEALTH" in both the Ukrainian and Polish language. The coins were designed by Volodymyr Taran and sculpted by Volodymyr Atamanchuk

► Spot prices as of 27 January. 2025

Gold:	$ 2,753.90/troy ounce
Silver:	$ 30.29/troy ounce
Copper:	$ 4.29/pound
Platinum:	$ 947.00/troy ounce
Palladium:	$ 944.00/troy ounce
$US-Złoty exchange: 4.03	

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Once again, come to the meetings and win

Your PANS meets once a month, and is generous in raffling off one Polish coin per meeting. Why not attend a meeting, and see if you can add something to your growing collection?

Send in your finds.

Have you found any Polish coins of note, perhaps squirreled away in some dealer's stock of foreign coins? If you have found a hidden treasure, or one hiding in plain sight, e-mail Mark a photo and a brief write-up of how you came upon it. The PANS members will most likely be interested in hearing about it.

Remember folks, please pay your dues for 2025! That's $20 for the year – $30 if you'd like the PANS Eaglet mailed quarterly.

Polish American Numismatic Society & Windsor Coin Club Annual International Coin Show
COIN SHOW
Sunday, February 16, 2025
10 am – 4 pm
American Polish Cultural Center
2975 East Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48083
Please Use Main Entrance on Dequindre Road
FREE ADMISSION
BUY – SELL - TRADE
COINS - CURRENCY - MEDALS
TOKENS - BOOKS - SUPPLIES
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NO SALES TAX on Coins & Bullion in Michigan
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Numismatic Ambassador, many thanks to the Honorable Steve Bieda

Recently, your editor, Mark Benvenuto, was awarded the Numismatic Ambassador Award, for his service to our hobby. Mostly, this was for Mark's writing on all sorts of numismatic subjects.

But such awards only come to pass because someone does the hard work of nominating a person, and doing the paperwork. So congratulations and thanks go to our own Steve Bieda, who did all the leg work.

Join Our Club

We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 East Maple Road (15 Mile Road) at Dequindre Road in Troy, Michigan. Visit the PANS Club website at www.pans-club.org for details. We currently have 10 meetings per year (August through May) with 2 months off during the summer. The Polish American Numismatic Society also plans a Christmas Oplatek Dinner during the Holiday Season. Meeting agendas include business matters and informative lectures from renowned guest speakers on topics including error and variety coins, significant coins in Polish history, Hamtramck scrip, coin photography. Open and lively member discussions about US and Polish numismatics are encouraged. Of course, the meeting would not be complete without coffee and delicious Polish pastries. The Polish American Numismatic Society hosts two very successful public coin show at the American Polish Cultural Center. Our primary show always takes place on the third Sunday of February. PANS also hosts a second show in August. Shows have been co-hosted with other clubs in the region. If you have any interest in numismatics, please attend a meeting and sign up as a member. PANS dues are only $20.00 per year or $30 per year if you would like the PANS Eaglet newsletter sent to your mail on a quarterly basis. PANS Club Membership is a great way to meet collectors with similar interests and knowledgeable dealers willing to share their experiences in a hobby that we all enjoy. To become a member-in-good-standing, plan to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year and perform club-related duties at PANS Club sponsored Coin Shows.

Membership Application *I hereby make application for membership in the Polish American Numismatic Society, subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution and By-laws*.

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____

DATE ACCEPTED: _____

FIRST YEAR DUES PAID: _____

I COLLECT: _____

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